

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SPRING 2005

SUNNYVALE NAMES NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Robert Walker has been named the new assistant city manager for the City of Sunnyvale, filling a position left vacant when Amy Chan became city manager.

As assistant city manager, Walker will have the dual responsibility of being the city manager's assistant and the department director for the Office of the City Manager, which oversees the city clerk's office, neighborhood and community services and the communications division.

"Robert's experience in working with the community is a key part of his background, and community is a major focus for our City," said Chan in making the announcement.

"Furthermore, Robert enjoys working behind the scenes, helping others on the team succeed and is passionate about serving the community."

Walker joined the City in 1988 as superintendent of parks, then in 1996 became the director of parks and recreation. As a director, he developed creative partnerships with schools districts for recreation

programs and managed recreation activities as an enterprise fund, striving for self-sufficiency. He also established a "Friends of Parks and Recreation" program to keep interested members of the public informed of department policy and practice issues.

Walker has a bachelor's degree in Park Administration and Outdoor Recreation from The University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a Master's in Public Administration from the Consortium of the California State University. ☀

A CLOSER LOOK AT SUNNYVALE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Chair: Carole Jevons

Vice Chair: Emily Gutierrez

Board Members: Angela Carmack, Hilal Ozdemir, Jacqueline Sell, Maxine Shea, (one vacancy)

The Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB) is a seven-member volunteer board that advises the City Council on child care-related issues. CCAB focuses on improving the quality, accessibility and affordability of child care in Sunnyvale. Members include child care providers, parents, child



care resource and referral agencies, community colleges, local businesses and child care licensing professionals.

Each year CCAB selects the recipients for the City's *Awards for Excellence in Early Education*. Recipients of the awards, including child care providers, directors and teachers, are selected based on nominations from parents and others who have first-hand experience with the nominee's commitment to providing high-quality child care and early learning experiences. These awards were designed to underscore the important role early educators play in a child's social, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being. This year, the awards will be presented at the Health & Safety Fair on May 14 (*see Health & Safety Fair, page 3*).

CCAB has recently made several recommendations to City Council on how the City can support quality child care. In October 2003, CCAB recommended, and Council approved, studying the concept of a one-stop resource center in Sunnyvale for child care providers and parents. CCAB envisions the one-stop center as an information clearinghouse on accessing quality child care and licensing. Also proposed is an early education lending library with educational toys, books and games. The agencies involved in this project

are currently seeking grant funding to develop the one-stop center.

In December 2004, Council approved the development of a business-child care partnership program. As part of this program, the City's Child Care Resources Office has developed an online child care provider wish list that businesses and others can contribute to a child care provider. The goal of this program is to help improve the quality of child care by linking providers with much needed resources to improve the quality of their programs. (*see Wishlist, page 10*).

CCAB is studying how to support universal preschool, a concept that provides free, voluntary preschool for three- and four-year-olds. The California Legislature is considering how – and if – universal preschool can be made available statewide within the next several years. CCAB is scheduled to make its recommendations to Council in November 2005.

CCAB meets quarterly at City Hall, and meetings are open to the public. For more information or to apply to be a member of CCAB, please contact Kristen Nigriny, child care resources manager at (408) 730-7532, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail knigriny@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. You can also visit www.sunnyvale.ca.us/communityresources, and click on *Child Care Resources*. ☀

SUNNYVALE PUBLISHES 2005 STUDY ISSUE RESULTS

The Sunnyvale City Council will address the feasibility of providing wireless services in downtown Sunnyvale, the creation of a grant program for neighborhoods and the development of a downtown parking information system. Council selected these and other issues at its annual day-long study issues workshop in December.

The study issue process is designed to assist City Council with setting a calendar of topics on which to focus during the year. Each December, department directors present issues gathered from community, staff and Council input throughout the preceding year. Council has the option to rank, defer or drop the issues. Based on these rankings, a tentative Council calendar is prepared and is presented for Council approval in mid-January. This calendar helps each department plan its workload for the coming year.

Other issues that were highly ranked by Council this year include the City's policy on the U.S. Patriot Act, permit policies for parks and open spaces, visual standards for downtown Sunnyvale and the exploration of community support for community events. More information on the study issue process, along with a complete list of ranked study issues is available at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/City+Council/Study+Issues/ or by calling (408) 730-7483, TDD (408) 730-7501.



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DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Forum Development Group, the firm that won approval last year to redevelop the Town Center Mall, announced in January it was unable to

obtain a loan commitment and that their agreement with Lehman Brothers, had expired. Lehman opted not to extend that agreement, and instead began discussions with

other developers. Forum still has the opportunity to close on the project if they can get financing, but they no longer have an exclusive right with Lehman.

As of press time, Lehman had narrowed the field to four qualified developers, but had not yet selected a finalist. Lehman hopes to sell the land, the architectural and site plans, the special development permit and the business deal so that a new developer can pick up where Forum left off. The developer must be approved by the Redevelopment Agency before work can begin. 🌱



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SUNNYVALE NAMES NEW PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

The City of Sunnyvale has named Don Johnson its new Director of Public Safety. Johnson took command of the department on January 31.

Johnson most recently served as Chief of Police in the City of Los Altos. Prior to that, he served for many years in the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, as police services captain, fire services captain, and administrative and technical services captain.

“Bringing Don back to lead our Department of Public Safety will

provide great benefits to our community,” said City Manager Amy Chan. “Don’s experience with our DPS, our local issues, our governmental processes and our budgeting system will all make the transition much easier for him and the City.”

Sunnyvale is unique among cities of its size in the western United States. By combining law enforcement and fire protection into a single department, the City realizes significant cost savings. Each sworn public safety officer in the department is trained in both law enforcement and fire protection, and officers periodi-

cally rotate assignments between the services. While leading such a department can be a challenge, Johnson’s experience within Sunnyvale DPS provides him with a distinct advantage.

Johnson has 25 years of experience in managing, supervising and delivering public safety services. He holds a master’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Jose State, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has served for more than a decade on the executive board of San Jose State’s Administration of Justice Department. 🌱

SUNNYVALE APPOINTS LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Deborah L. Barrow has been appointed Sunnyvale’s Library Director. City Manager Amy Chan made the announcement Tuesday, January 25. Barrow began February 28.

Barrow comes to Sunnyvale from Watsonville, where she had been the library director since 1995. She has also held library management positions with Chula Vista Public Library. Barrow holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Southern California, and a bachelor’s degree from Scripps College.

“Our Library is a vital hub of our community,” said Chan. “Deborah’s leadership and management experience at Watsonville Library, along with her track record of partnering with the community, all make her an ideal library director for Sunnyvale. We’re very happy to welcome her as part of our team.”

The Sunnyvale Library has experienced tremendous growth, with more than 2 million items circulated last year. Library staff have responded by increasing the number and type of activities that are available online to anyone with a library card, as well as by increasing resources with the Library. Sunnyvale Library also hosts a wide variety of community programs, ranging from topical speakers, authors and a Sunday Music in the Library series. Current Library activity information is available on the Library’s Web site, www.sunnyvalelibrary.org.

HELP SET THE DIRECTION FOR SUNNYVALE — BE AN ADVISOR TO THE CITY COUNCIL

The City of Sunnyvale will conduct the spring recruitment for the following boards and commissions March 21 through May 20:

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Board
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission

This is a large recruitment for 19 positions on all Sunnyvale boards and commissions. To be on a board or commission, you must be a registered voter residing in Sunnyvale. There will be an information meeting on Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. at City Hall’s West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave. Council interviews are scheduled for June 8 and 15.

Please note that applications must be submitted to the City Clerk by Friday, May 20 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/City+Council/Boards+and+Commissions.

Please follow the procedure outlined under *How to Apply*. Applications and supplemental questionnaires may be downloaded directly from the Web site under each board or commission.

For more information, call (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501.

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NEW BUSINESSES SIGNAL IMPROVING ECONOMY

While downtown redevelopment has been the talk of the town, other signs of economic recovery are beginning to appear in the City. A host of new businesses, both commercial and retail, have opened or are planning to open soon in Sunnyvale.

Earlier this year, Circuit City opened a new store on El Camino Real, in the site vacated by the Nob Hill grocery store. Other national chains are headed to Sunnyvale as well, with Best Buy and PetSmart currently building on the site of the former Falore Chrysler dealership on El Camino Real, across from the Hacienda Shopping Center. Lowe's, the home improvement chain, is in

negotiations now to open a new store on the corner of Wolfe Road and Arques Avenue, though no date has been set.

Commercial properties are heating up again as well, and that has another high-profile company headed to the Heart of the Silicon Valley. PalmOne, a leader in handheld computing and communications, announced last year that they are relocating their headquarters from Milpitas to a 280,000 square-foot campus on Maude Avenue in Sunnyvale. Other high-tech and biotech companies have recently decided to make Sunnyvale home, including Litepoint, Patterson Dental and Full Moon Bio.

Sunnyvale has always been a strong draw for businesses, with taxes and fees among the lowest in

California, and municipal services that rank among the best. A 2002 survey of business owners found that nearly 95 percent rated Sunnyvale a "business-friendly" city.

The City continues to find ways to improve on that reputation, providing an assortment of convenient services, including E-OneStop, our online permitting system, and a searchable online database of available commercial properties.

For more information about doing business in Sunnyvale, visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Community+Development/Economic+Development/Doing+Business+in+Sunnyvale, or call the Economic Development Division at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

SUNNYVALE AND SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP PRESENT: CitySkills

The City of Sunnyvale and Silicon Valley Leadership (SVL) are proud to introduce CitySkills, a basic training program that teaches community members how to effectively work with government to address issues.

The CitySkills training program consists of four two-hour classes, once per week, for four consecutive weeks, and is offered for a nominal fee of \$15 for the entire four-week series. Each CitySkills class has two parts: one hour of leadership training provided by SVL on topics such as goal setting, how to effectively present your views to government and conflict resolution; and a second hour of training by the City of Sunnyvale on topics such as the legislative process, City services and the City budget system. The pilot program begins April 6.

The four-week CitySkills training program will again be offered this fall. If you are interested in participating in CitySkills or would like to nominate someone to participate, please contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

YOUR HEALTH. YOUR SAFETY. YOUR SUNNYVALE.

You're invited to a day of excitement and learning as the City of Sunnyvale presents the 2005 Health and Safety Fair, May 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. Admission is free.

The fair will feature fun and entertainment for the whole family, including:

- Safety demonstrations by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety

- Health information and screenings
- Storytelling for children
- Musical performances
- Refreshments
- Prize giveaways
- Live stunt show by the 'Perfection on Wheels' BMX stunt team
- And much more!

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer the day of the fair to help make another successful event, please contact Claire Garcia at (408) 730-7487, TDD (408) 730-7501,

or e-mail cgarcia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

If you know of a health or safety-related organization that should be invited to participate as a fair exhibitor, or have any questions about the 2005 Health and Safety Fair, please contact Michelle Bromstead at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Visit the Community Events Calendar at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events to find out more about what's going on in Sunnyvale ☎



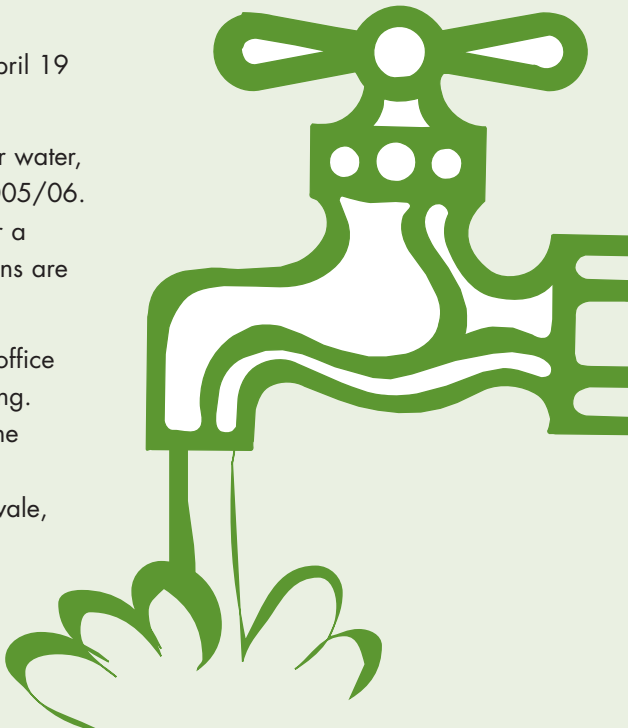
UTILITY RATE REVIEW

The City of Sunnyvale is scheduled to review the proposed water, sewer, and garbage utility rates for the coming fiscal year at the April 19 Council Meeting.

Last year, Council adopted projected rate increases of 5 percent for water, 5 percent for sewer and 4.5 percent for garbage for fiscal year 2005/06. Based on the projected increases, an average monthly utility bill for a residential customer would rise by \$3.36. However, these projections are subject to change.

A preliminary report to Council will be available at the city clerk's office and utility billing office approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. City Council agendas are available at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov on the Friday prior to the meeting, or by calling (408) 730-7483.

For information about utility services provided by the City of Sunnyvale, please call the utility billing office at (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.

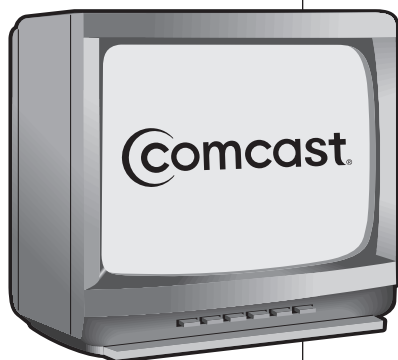


CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

In December, 1990, the City of Sunnyvale entered into a cable franchise agreement with TCI Cablevision (now Comcast). This agreement, which expires in December, set the standards for the basic cable television services offered to Sunnyvale subscribers.

In March 2004, the City began the franchise renewal process. This process includes inspecting Comcast's physical equipment installed throughout the City, examining Comcast's performance as the City's cable

operator in meeting the needs and interests of the Sunnyvale community, and assessing Comcast's performance and compliance with the 1984 and 1992 Cable Acts and the 1996



Telecommunications Act.

The City conducted its inspection of Comcast's equipment in May 2004 and forwarded the findings from the inspection to Comcast. The City is currently discussing those findings.

To assess Comcast's performance as Sunnyvale's cable operator, the City held meetings last fall to examine the needs and interests of various community groups in Sunnyvale. City staff met with educational institutions to discuss and identify educational needs for cable TV and programming; representatives from Fremont Union High School District, Santa Clara School District, Cupertino Schools, Cogswell College and St. Cyprian School attended this session.

In December 2004, City staff held a community meeting, focusing on broadband services; existing cable TV reception; programming services; public, educational and government

anticipated technical, facility, organizational, procedural, operational, franchise, PEG and service issues, and preparing a draft franchise agreement based on the outcome of the needs ascertainment process. These documents will then be presented to Sunnyvale's City Council for review and comment.

It is important to note that the City regulates only the basic cable services provided by Comcast. Expanded basic services are exempt from regulation at any government level according to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rulings. In addition, the FCC considers the Internet to be an "interstate information service" and therefore not regulated by local cable franchise agreements. Any questions or concerns you have regarding Comcast's

expanded basic cable or Internet services, should be directed to Comcast.

If you are currently having trouble or are dissatisfied with your cable television services, please contact Comcast's customer service staff directly. You may visit their Web site at www.comcast.com, or call (408) 945-2288 or (800) 984-2824. If you have spoken with Comcast and are not satisfied with their response, please contact the City of Sunnyvale Information Technology Department at (408) 737-4999, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

GREYHOUND TO ELIMINATE SUNNYVALE SERVICE

Greyhound has informed the City of Sunnyvale they will vacate the Sunnyvale bus station at Mathilda and Evelyn Avenues as part of service cuts in California and other western states. Greyhound plans to leave the Sunnyvale station by April 3. In the Bay Area, Greyhound has announced they will also eliminate stops in Los Gatos, Manteca, Monterey and the Monterey Transit Center, Pleasanton, Richmond and San Francisco International Airport. Sunnyvale City staff will present City Council with possible alternate uses for this site at some point in the future.

(PEG) broadcasting; and Comcast's customer service, rates and other services.

The City is currently auditing Comcast's financial records. This component of the franchise renewal process is an analysis of Comcast's compliance with the franchise agreement regarding the payment of franchise fees and an audit of Comcast's financial accounting and reporting procedures.

Once the audit is completed, the next steps include drafting a cable ordinance to address current and

2005 STATE OF THE CITY PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Monday, July 4,
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Washington Park

Mark your calendars now for this year's annual State of the City event and community awards. The event will be held Monday, July 4, at Washington Park, 840 W. Washington Ave., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will feature musical entertainment, the Mayor's State of the City address, presentation of community awards and food. Face-painting and bounce houses will keep the children occupied.

For more information, call Communications at (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail communications@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Community Award Nominations

Nominate a friend or colleague for one of the City of Sunnyvale's annual community recognition awards, which will be presented at the July 4 State of the City Event at Washington Park. Awards include:

- Sunnyvale Distinguished Citizen of the Year
- Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to the Arts
- Outstanding High School Senior of the Year

The nomination period closes Friday, April 29.

For more information, or to obtain nomination forms, call (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501, e-mail communications@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. ☎

TEENS: START YOUR SUMMER JOB HUNT NOW

Trees are blooming, the sun is shining, teens' thoughts turn to spring break and ... summer jobs. At least that's the message the NOVA Youth Employment Program wants to get out to local teenagers. Wait until June when school's out and you'll be out of luck.

The early bird gets the job

Lots of opportunities exist and youth aged 14 to 24 can begin their search by heading to NOVA's Youth Employment Office here in Sunnyvale.

The program offers a workshop on job-search techniques that provides information on completing job applications, interviewing and understanding workplace etiquette — the unwritten rules of office behavior. Teens learn which traits employers are looking for and what behaviors lessen your chances of getting hired. Youth also can learn how to use the online Youth@Work system that matches employers' needs with youth looking for work. There is no fee for these youth services.

Too young for a paying job?

Teens aged 14 and 15 often struggle to find paid employment. Working

as a volunteer can provide the work experience necessary to obtain paid positions the following summer. NOVA career advisors can walk younger teens through several Web sites, such as www.volunteermatch.org, that offer a variety of summer positions.

These include such jobs as working in offices, or outdoors, assisting with summer camps, helping seniors and providing animal care.

Several high schools offer career fairs in the spring, and the NOVA Youth Program often participates to ensure that students have access to these various services. Last spring, NOVA co-sponsored the Fremont High School Career Fair in Sunnyvale. NOVA helped organize the fair, provided workshops during the fair and recruited local industry professionals to talk about their respective careers and educational requirements.

For more information on these and other youth services, visit NOVA's Web site at www.novaworks.org/youth or contact the NOVA Youth Employment Program at (408) 522-9845. The office serves youth who live in Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Santa Clara. ☎

CARES: COPS AND RESIDENTS EMPHASIZING SAFETY

Sunnyvale residents can now become directly involved in traffic safety thanks to an innovative new program from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS). Three portable radar display units may be checked out by Sunnyvale residents to use in their neighborhood. The displays, which are available free of charge, are a visual reminder to motorists of their current speed. Surveys have shown that 70

percent of motorists stopped for speeding violations were not aware of how fast they were driving.

Radar displays may be checked out from the DPS Traffic Unit by calling (408) 730-7109.

The displays may be used in residential areas only, and are not designed for use on a moving vehicle. The displays attach directly to a trailer hitch receiver and are powered by a cigarette lighter power source. 🌱



BACK TO SCHOOL WITH NOVA'S TECH-TO-TEACHING PROGRAM

Laid-off Tech Workers Find New Careers in Education

NOVA's innovative Tech-To-Teaching program, which ends next year, is a pioneering effort that has transformed laid-off tech workers into teachers.

In 2001, the state provided NOVA, the local employment and training program administered by the City of Sunnyvale and operated by a consortium of seven local cities, with funding to initiate the Tech-to-Teaching program. A total of 39 participants have completed training to become elementary and high school teachers, and many more will become credentialed teachers before the program ends in 2006. Although the Tech-to-Teaching program is no longer accepting new participants, NOVA provides many other opportunities for training through its other state and federal grants.

In 2000, when the dot-com bubble burst, many local tech workers were laid off. At the same time, local schools faced a scarcity of math and science teachers. Tech-to-Teaching was started to assist professionals in the technology sector who were interested in transitioning to teaching to obtain their credentials. The Tech-to-Teaching Program provided financial assistance, while NOVA counselors supported the new teachers with networking opportunities and career coaching.

Of the 39 high-tech professionals who became fully credentialed, 34 are currently teaching in California schools.

One of those teachers, Barbara Scott, was laid off from her position as a software programmer in 2002. Although successful in her career, she had contemplated a career in teaching before becoming unemployed. The layoff propelled her to apply to NOVA's Tech-to-Teaching program, and with NOVA's help, she entered the teaching program at San Jose State University. Today she inspires children as a kindergarten teacher in Mountain View's Whisman School District. Her employment success was recognized at last fall's annual CONNECT! Awards luncheon, sponsored by the NOVA Workforce Board.

Though the Tech-to-Teaching Program is ending, its legacy will live on in the lives of the many children who are now being educated by these new teachers who chose to move from cubicles to classrooms. For more information about other NOVA programs and services, visit www.novaworks.org/job_seekers or call (408) 730-7232.

CITY YEAR BRINGS SUNSHINE TO COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

City Year is a national organization that is part of the AmeriCorps Network, bringing together diverse 17- to 24-year-olds for a year of full-time community service, social entrepreneurship and civic engagement. City Year's goals are to generate transformative community service, breakdown social barriers, inspire citizens to civic action, develop new leaders for the common good and improve and promote the concept of voluntary national service. For the past seven years, City Year has served the youth, families and residents of Sunnyvale at the Columbia Neighborhood Center and Columbia Middle School. Each year City Year provides the much-needed service of Spring Camp, a free and safe week-long camp for middle-school youth throughout Sunnyvale when they would otherwise be on spring break.

This year Spring Camp will be held the week of April 18 to April 22. Applications for Spring Camp are available in the City Year office at Columbia Neighborhood Center. This free camp is also a great opportunity to offer structured ways for high school and college students to serve their community. High school and college students are encouraged to volunteer as strong adult role models. If you are interested in volunteer team leader or camper applications please call Carmen Schmidt at (408) 523-8150, x19 or e-mail cschmidt05@cityyear.org. The last day to submit applications is Thursday, April 14.



31ST ANNUAL SUNNYVALE ART & WINE FESTIVAL

Summer is just around the corner, and so is the 2005 Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival. Presented by the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, the festival will make downtown Sunnyvale come alive with more than 500 local artists and craftspeople, and a variety of local wines and microbrewery beers.

Don't miss the terrific variety of food, fun and activities for kids and adults, with live entertainment on stage both days. Admission and parking are free, however public transportation is recommended (served by Caltrain and VTA lines 54, 53 and 32).

Festival hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (408) 736-4971.

FOR YOUR HEALTH COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

The City of Sunnyvale, with Camino Medical Group, is offering free monthly health and wellness presentations, given by healthcare professionals. April's presentation is *Family Fitness and Nutrition*, presented by Pediatrician Mary Jane Pionk, M.D. Pionk will discuss the importance of including nutrition and fitness in everyday life, the weight challenges children face and how parents can help.

The next presentation will be Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Neighborhood Room,

550 E. Remington Drive. Attendees are welcome to arrive 30 minutes early to review educational materials prior to the presentation. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation, if time allows.

Seating is limited. To register, contact Amelia Kauwelo, Health Promotion Specialist for Camino Medical Group, at (408) 730-4214 or kauweloaa@caminommedical.org.

The following *For Your Health* presentations will be held in May and June, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Neighborhood Room.

May 18 – Kids 'N' Sports Dr. Ken Vereschagin, Pediatrics

Vereschagin will discuss the importance of injury prevention, sports safety and treatment of sports injuries for kids.

June 15 – Safe in the Sun Dr. Tin Tin Tun, Dermatology

Tun will discuss safe sunning, skin care, cancer prevention and dermatological prevention and treatment.

For a listing of more upcoming presentations and events in Sunnyvale, visit the Community Events Calendar at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events. 🌱

SUNNYVALE AQUATICS – DIVE RIGHT IN!

Registration is now open for spring aquatics lessons for all ages, preschool through adult. Sign up fast, as space is limited and classes fill up quickly. The City offers many types of classes during the summer at our five outdoor pools.

For more information, or to register, please call the Sunnyvale Department of Parks and Recreation at (408) 730-7341, TDD (408) 730-7501.

SUMMER’S COMING

Now’s the Time to Start Thinking About Summer Camps

Camper Cubs

(Ages 4 – 5)

Camper Cubs is a fun-filled day camp designed to give boys and girls an enjoyable learning experience through camp activities. Campers socialize while participating in arts and crafts, games, songs and field trips. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt. No one-week camps are available. For more information call (408) 730-7523, TDD (408) 730-7501. Braly Park Building, 704 Daffodil Ct. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – noon June 20 – July 1, July 5 – July 15, July 18 – July 29, August 1 – Aug. 12

Kidstuff

(Ages 6 – 8)

Kidstuff Camp has been creating memories for years. Daily activities include arts and crafts, group games, contests and more. In addition, swim days, movies, off-site trips and special events make a Kidstuff session a favorite day camp. Each camper receives a Kidstuff T-shirt; campers should bring lunch, morning and afternoon snacks each day. No one-week camps are available. Extended care hours (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) are available for an additional fee. For more information call (408) 730-7724, TDD (408) 730-7501. Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Ave. Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Extended Care 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) June 20 – July 1, July 5 – July 15, July 18 – July 29, August 1 – Aug. 12

Day Trippin’

(11 – 14 years)

NEW CAMP

Join us for a summer full of fun and exciting day trips to keep you busy throughout the summer. There are six adventurous weeks with a variety of activities packed into each one. We will go on local excursions including movies, ice skating, bowling and much more. We’ll trip over to places like Santa Cruz, Boomers and Raging Waters for endless summer fun! Once a week we’ll have a BBQ where you can chill with your friends and cool off afterwards by swimming at one of our local pools. Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Ave. Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Week 1: June 27 – July 1 **Fun in the Sun** Week 2: July 5 – 8 **SportOrama** Week 3: July 11 – 5 **Beat the Heat** Week 4: July 18 – 22 **Lookin’ for Adventure** Week 5: July 25 – 29 **Chillin’ in H₂O** Week 6: August 1 – 5 **Explore the Bay**

DPS, PARKS AND RECREATION, HOST THE 11TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

More than 300 people turned out to watch the top seventh-grade and eighth-grade shooters from eight Sunnyvale schools. The February 4 event at Columbia Neighborhood Center started with a celebrity shootout, emceed by Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Carl Rushmeyer, and featuring NROs: Scott Muefing, Dean Discher and Greg Othon and Crime Prevention Lieutenant Marty Dale. NRO Discher came out on top with eight baskets in 60 seconds.

DJ Omar from the Parks and Recreation Department kept the shooters in rhythm with his music and NRO Greg Othon emceed the main event. The student competition was fierce, with ties for second place in both the seventh-grade boy and seventh-grade girl competitors. These were resolved with a tie-breaker shootout. All finalists received a basketball shootout t-shirt. The Sunnyvale Elks Lodge cosponsored the event and awarded the top two shooters in each division a basketball and first place winners with an Xbox. Second place winners were presented a \$75 gift certificate.



Seventh Grade:

Boys

First Place: Mike McGovern, Resurrection – 16 baskets

Second Place: Kyle Oda, Sunnyvale Middle – 14 baskets

Girls

First Place: Deanna Weaver, Peterson Middle – 12 baskets

Second Place: Jan Nicole Tovera, Columbia Middle – 10 baskets

Eighth Grade:

Boys

First Place: Kyle McIntyre, Columbia Middle – 20 baskets

Second Place: Ryan Barker, Resurrection – 19 baskets

Girls

First Place: Anecia Jones, Peterson Middle – 14 baskets

Second Place: Amy Chwa, St, Martin – 13 baskets

TWENTY YEARS OF HANDS ON THE ARTS

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Hands on the Arts, Northern California’s premier children’s art festival. This is a hands-on, multi-cultural arts festival designed for children three – 12. Artists have designed crafts for children to complete and take home. Children may also participate in music, theatre and dance workshops. More than 35 visual and performing artists will provide a full day of creativity, imagination, wonder and awe.

The Sunnyvale Department of Parks and Recreation is working in conjunction with De Anza College’s Euphrat children’s art program to create a work of art for the event.

Hands on the Arts is Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. The festival is open to the public and features food and entertainment for the whole family. Children can participate in workshops all day for only \$5 per child. For more information, please call (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Summer Express

(Ages 5 – 14)

Summer Express is the place to spend fun-filled mornings enjoying arts and crafts, cooking, dance, drama and sports, all in one location. Sunnyvale Middle School, 1080 Mango Ave. Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session 1: June 27 – July 8 (no classes July 4) Session 2: July 11 – July 22

Camp Explorer

(Ages 6 – 12)

This one-week camp offers a unique opportunity to explore Sunnyvale and the surrounding area. Participants should bring lunch, morning and afternoon snacks each day. Register per day or for the entire week at a discounted rate. For a schedule of events call (408) 730-7520, TDD (408) 730-7501. Trips are subject to change. Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Ave. Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Extended Care 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. for an additional fee) August 15 – August 19 Monday: CalSkate / Mini-Golf Tuesday: Roaring Camp / Santa Cruz Beach Wednesday: Shadow Cliffs Thursday: Artopia / Ice Skating Friday: Pier 30 / Alcatraz

Driver’s Education

(15 – 18 years)

Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive All Classes Run from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. This course meets the State of California requirement to obtain a driver’s instruction permit. The class is 30 hours and does not include behind the wheel instruction. April 16, 17, 23, 24 June 13 – 16 June 18, 19, 25, 26 July 5 – 8 July 9, 10, 16, 17 August 6, 7, 13, 14

SUNNYVALE LIBRARY GETS A NEW ONLINE CATALOG

Searching Just Got Easier

The Sunnyvale Library catalog will soon have a new look and feel. The system is scheduled to be operational in June 2005. This catalog system, which is also used by Mountain View, Santa Clara City and San Jose public libraries, is designed to be easy for patrons to use.

New Features

- Locate materials at neighboring libraries, initiate a request and receive the materials here in Sunnyvale.
- Browse books by their covers. An image of the book cover will display next to many of the Library's books. There may also be a review or first chapter of the book.
- View the search and help screens in Spanish or traditional Chinese. Search for Chinese language materials using Chinese characters. (Chinese-language search will not be immediately available in June).
- Receive e-mail notification of an item being held for you, or if you have overdue materials.
- Access multiple resources with a single search.

In addition, Library users will still be able to place holds from inside or outside the Library, renew items and view your own account. Library staff remain committed to helping you find the information you need. New classes will be developed to help you maximize your use of the catalog, however, if you would like immediate assistance, please contact the Library Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300. ☎

CALIFORNIA STORIES UNCOVERED AT THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Award-winning author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni will kick off the *California Stories Uncovered* program at the Sunnyvale Public Library. On Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m., Divakaruni, a former Sunnyvale resident and author of *Mistress of Spices*, *Sister of My Heart*, *Arranged Marriage*, *The Conch Bearer*, and most recently, *Queen of Dreams*, will give a talk and reading. A novelist and award-winning poet, Divakaruni now teaches at the University of Houston. She co-founded and was past president of MAITRI, a helpline

for South Asian women.

Divakaruni is one of the editors of *California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century*, an anthology of stories which is the centerpiece of a grant from the California Council for the Humanities. The grant will underwrite several events at the Library including her talk, two book discussions and a multigenerational oral history project. Check the Library catalog for copies of the book and mark your calendar for these events.

April 6, **Chitra Divakaruni** – author talk, 7 p.m.

April 21, **Book discussion** – *The Kite Runner*, 7 p.m.

April 27, **California Uncovered, Your Story Uncovered**, a discussion of *The Grandfather of the Sierra Nevada Mountains* from *China Men* by Maxine Hong Kingston and *American Son* by Brian Ascalon Roley, 7 p.m.

All of these events will be held in the Library Program Room. Other events around the area and the state can be found on the Council's Web site www.calbum.org. ☎

TELL A FRIEND:

The Library Delivers with S.O.S., a Program for the Homebound

Special Outreach Services (SOS) is a Sunnyvale Library program designed to select and deliver library materials to Sunnyvale residents. Any Sunnyvale resident who is unable to get to the Library because of age or physical disability may enroll in SOS. To get started with this program, contact the Library's SOS coordinator at (408) 730-7306, TDD (408) 730-7501. The coordinator will explain the program and work with you to determine your needs. The coordinator will ask about your tastes in literature and the format you would like to receive materials, including large print books, books on CD or audiocassette, non-feature films and more. You will also be asked about the amount of library material that you would like to receive each month. You will then be paired with an SOS volunteer who will pick out material for you on a monthly basis.

Currently, SOS serves 34 residents and six facilities in Sunnyvale. While the SOS program's Library staff and its 12 volunteers are kept pretty busy, not everyone who is eligible for this service may be aware of it. One of the biggest challenges in reaching someone who is homebound is that traditional methods of

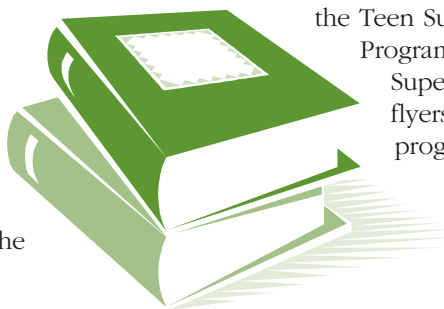
advertising may not suffice. Word-of-mouth has been the most successful form of advertising the program. If you know someone who could benefit from this service, let them know about us.

The SOS program would like to partner with other community organi-

zations to reach as many homebound Sunnyvale residents as possible. If you or your organization could benefit from this service, or have been asked to call on behalf of someone who could benefit, please call the SOS coordinator at (408) 730-7306, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

SUMMER READING IS BACK!

Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds is the theme for the Sunnyvale Public Library's 2005 Summer Reading Program. Research shows that children who participate in summer reading increase their vocabulary and reading skills. As an added benefit, children who sign up for the Library's program and read or listen to 10 books will receive a paperback book from a collection funded by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library.



Signups for the program begin Saturday, June 18. The first performer of the summer is magician Brian Scott, who will present *The Wizard's Training School* Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. This program is for children three and older, and their families.

Teens entering sixth grade and above are invited to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program, "Superheroes, Super Readers!" Special flyers for both reading programs will be available at the Sunnyvale Public Library in late May. ☎

DOWNLOADABLE BESTSELLER AND AUDIO BOOKS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Don't have time to make regular visits to the library? Now you can download and read eBooks at home on your computer or download them to your personal digital assistant (PDA). Plus, download audio eBooks and either burn them to CDs or transfer them to your portable audio player.

The library has expanded its digital book collection to include hundreds of new titles from OverDrive, a company specializing in downloadable books. You can access the books through the Library's Web site and enjoy bestselling romances, mysteries, general fiction, travel guides and audio books from home or at work. You need a valid library card, access to the Internet and software for the device (available by free download from the Library's Web site) on which you wish to use your digital book.

This new collection is a shared collection with selected members of Califa, a network of California libraries. The titles have to be checked out just like any other library material, but one of the nice features of this collection is that your eBook will never be overdue! After 21 days, the eBook title will expire and automatically be "returned" to the library. You can check out up to five eBooks at a time and can put a hold on any title that not currently available.

Instructions are available through the Library's Web site. Please contact the reference desk at (408) 730-7300, for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SUNNYVALE

Have you been looking for just the right way to get more involved in your community? Sunnyvale's online volunteer system makes it easy to sign up. Visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, and click on *Volunteering* on the left side of the page. There you will find volunteer opportunities and our online volunteer application.

Here is a sample of current opportunities. Listings are updated often, so visit the Web site for the latest information.

- **Defibrillator Map Project** — Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have saved more than 20 lives in Sunnyvale since their introduction. Your photography and computer skills can help us map this important resource to save even more lives.

- **Marketing Assistant** — Would you like to put your writing and marketing skills to work getting the word out about Sunnyvale's neighborhood and community programs? As marketing assistant, you'll have a great outlet for your creativity and skill.

- **Answer Point Team** — If you enjoy helping people over the telephone, this new team may be for you. You will learn a lot about vital City programs and services and will be trained to direct questions and inquiries from the public to offices in the City and beyond.

- **Traffic Calming** — If you have ever wanted to help make Sunnyvale a safer community, here is your opportunity to get involved with our traffic calming unit. Team members will be

trained to conduct surveys with a radar gun, among other activities.

- **Clerical Assistants** — You can sharpen your clerical skills and help provide services to the community in several City departments. Filing, data entry, preparation of mailings and sorting mail are just some of the office tasks involved in Sunnyvale's busy and professional offices.
- **Hazardous Materials Intern** — Handling and disposing of hazardous materials are important activities in maintaining and preserving the health and well-being of our community. This internship is designed to give a broad practical experience in this vital field.

To learn more about Sunnyvale's volunteer program, contact Claire Garcia at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail cgarcia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎

VOLUNTEERS BUILD COMMUNITY

National Volunteer Week (April 17 – 23) is the time of year America sets aside to say “thank you” to the millions of people who volunteer in communities across the nation. During the last year, In Sunnyvale, 588 active volunteers saved the City more than \$350,000 by contributing more than 30,000 hours of service. To celebrate these dedicated volunteers who are pitching in hour-by-hour and building a stronger community, Sunnyvale will host a reception in their honor Tuesday, April 19, at the Senior Center Orchard Pavilion. The City will highlight the service commitment and achievements of our volunteers.

In Sunnyvale, volunteers continue to enjoy traditional roles. They coach sports; tutor; assist with data entry,

filing and bulk mailings; and provide customer service, front desk help and information referral.

Volunteers and interns are increasingly taking on new high-level technical and specialized projects. These include researching and developing databases, Web sites and GIS mapping systems; teaching classes; providing training and making presentations; assisting public safety; managing facilities or volunteers at special events and assisting with marketing; environmental education; and economic development or hazardous-materials issues.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Claire Garcia at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail cgarcia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us . You may also visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov and click on *Volunteering*. ☎



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 17-23, 2005

SUNNYVALE PUBLIC SAFETY PROMOTES FOUR TO DEPUTY CHIEF

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety has promoted four captains to the newly-established rank of deputy Chief.

Deputy Chief Byron Pipkin supervises the Special Operations Division, which includes investigations, narcotics and vice, fire prevention, hazardous materials investigations, traffic enforcement, office of emergency service, animal control and crime prevention. Pipkin recently marked his 30th year with the department and has supervised

nearly every area of the department during his career.

Deputy Chief Chuck Eaneff supervises the Fire Operations Division. Previously, Eaneff supervised the department's patrol, investigations and community service units. Eaneff came to the department in 1982 from the Huntington Beach (Calif.) Police Department. Eaneff and Pipkin both received their promotions in December 2004.

Greg Kevin and Mark Stivers are the City's two newest deputy chiefs,

both receiving promotions in March 2005. Kevin supervises the Administration Division, which includes fire, emergency medical services (EMS) and police training in addition to recruiting. He has previously supervised investigations, fire and patrol. Kevin has been with the department since 1980. Deputy Chief Stivers, who has been with the department since 1980, supervises Patrol Operations Division, and previously supervised the community safety service bureau. ☎

RE-CAP: EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

April 15 means tax time, and it's fast approaching. Visit www.irs.gov or call (800) 829-1040 to see if you, or someone you know, qualifies for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families. According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), more than \$1.1 million in refunds went unclaimed by Sunnyvale taxpayers last year who qualified for, but did not claim, the EITC when they filed their 2002 tax returns. Free and low-cost tax preparation services are available to those who qualify. To find out where, contact the IRS for locations in and around Sunnyvale.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS WORKSHOP

The journey of parenting a child with disabilities can seem daunting especially in the early years and feeling overwhelmed is a commonly-experienced emotion. *RIGHT from the START* workshops will help parents, guardians, caregivers and professionals navigate territory that might be unfamiliar, frustrating or intimidating and provide new ideas and resources to help strengthen personal and advocacy skills.

RIGHT from the START workshops start April 26 at Columbia Middle School, for parents of children through age five. Workshops will be presented in English and Spanish.

The series is free and is conducted by Parents Helping Parents (PHP), a parent-directed resource center serving children with special needs, their families and the professionals who serve them. PHP is made up of both professionals and parent specialists who fully understand the importance of providing timely, accurate information to parents of children with special needs. This project has been fully funded by FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County.

PHP has brought together professionals from a variety of fields to help provide knowledge and tools for coping with an array of parenting issues. Each week's session addresses

a different issue related to children through age 5 with special needs, and also provides a forum for sharing experiences, issues and concerns. Free child care and refreshments are provided at every workshop.

To find out more and to register for the workshops go to www.php.com and click on *RIGHT from the START* under *Programs* or call (408) 727-5775. ♻️

SERIES 7:

Tuesdays, April 26 – May 31, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Columbia Middle School Multipurpose Room, 739 Morse Avenue

Tuesday, April 26:

Changing “No” to “Yes” — Challenging Behavior and Social Skills

Presented in English, simultaneous interpretation in Spanish available

Tuesday May 3:

Educating your Special Needs Child

Presented in Spanish, simultaneous interpretation in English available

Tuesday May 10:

The Experience of Feeding

Presented in English, simultaneous interpretation in Spanish available

Tuesday, May 17

An Invitation to Play

Presented in Spanish, simultaneous interpretation in English available

Tuesday, May 24:

Talk to me, Baby! Communication and Language Skills

Presented in English, simultaneous interpretation in Spanish available

Tuesday May 31:

Get Organized and Be Prepared! Keeping Records Straight and Your Life Sane!

Presented in Spanish, simultaneous interpretation in English available



COMMUNITY LINE AND NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

Neighborhood and Community Services works to keep you informed about what's going on in Sunnyvale. All Sunnyvale community members are invited to take advantage of the following services:

Neighborhood and Community Updates: Get important, up-to-date information about special events, community meetings and new services e-mailed to you every month by subscribing to Sunnyvale's Neighborhood and Community Updates e-mail list. E-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or call (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, to subscribe to the list.

Sunnyvale Community Line:

Call (408) 730-7515 for current listings of community meetings and events in Sunnyvale, or to leave questions or feedback for City staff. Community Line is updated weekly, and messages are checked daily to ensure your questions are responded to in a timely fashion. You may also visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events for Sunnyvale meeting and event listings.

For more information on services provided by the Neighborhood and Community Services office, go to www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources and click on *Neighborhood and Community Services*. ♻️

SUNNYVALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS' SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

Four times per year, leaders of Sunnyvale's neighborhood associations get together to share ideas, discuss important issues and talk with City staff. Sunnyvale neighborhood associations' quarterly meetings are open to all community members. Whether you're a seasoned association president, or just thinking about starting a neighborhood association, you are invited to attend this informative meeting.

When

**Monday, April 25
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Where

**Senior Center
Sequoia Room
500 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale**

R.S.V.P.

**Michelle Bromstead
mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
(408) 730-7472
TDD (408) 730-7501**

For information about this and other meetings and events in Sunnyvale, visit the Community Events Calendar at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events.

Setting the Record Straight

In the Neighborhood News of the winter Quarterly Report, the Cherry Orchard Neighbors Association was incorrectly labeled as Las Palmas on the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations map. We apologize for the error.

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER WELCOMES NEW HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Columbia Neighborhood Center's (CNC) health clinic will have a new nurse practitioner and medical assistant. The new staff will be joining CNC from MayView Community Health Center beginning in March. They will offer check-ups, physicals and routine health care to youth from birth to age 18 who are uninsured or qualify for Medi-Cal, Healthy Kids or Healthy Families insurance plans.

CNC's clinic is undergoing changes this spring because Valley Medical Center will be moving their health care staff to the Fair Oaks Clinic in Sunnyvale. "The medical staff from Valley Medical Center have established many relationships with our families, and will be missed," said Linda Kim, CNC manager. "The Columbia Neighborhood Center is grateful to Valley Medical Center for helping our health center grow and providing six years of service to our community."

Although Valley Medical Center will no longer be the direct provider, it will continue to work with CNC and MayView to support this important service for the City of Sunnyvale. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has been supportive of CNC's health clinic for the past six years and is providing funding to the MayView – CNC partnership. "As a community-based organization, MayView Community Health Center has a rich history of serving clients in the North County and will be a good fit for the community based clinic at Columbia Neighborhood Center," said Ngoc Bui-Tong, Valley Medical Center Ambulatory Services Manager.

MayView has clinics in Mountain View and Palo Alto, where they have experience providing health services to Sunnyvale community members, among other local residents. "MayView is very interested in extending access to health care to low-income and uninsured people in this community who may not have a

regular health care provider," said JoAnn Cabrera, Executive Director of MayView. "About 16 percent of the 4,000 patients seen by MayView live in the City of Sunnyvale."

The new partnership is also providing opportunities to improve health services in Sunnyvale. "We are excited about the services that MayView is bringing to Sunnyvale through the support of Valley Medical Center," Kim said. MayView and CNC are already exploring the possibility of expanding to provide primary health care to adults. "In Sunnyvale, there is a particular need to expand services for uninsured adults," Cabrera added. "In addition to increasing access to people who need a provider, we hope to make our services more convenient for our patients who already live in this community."

For more information, please contact CNC at (408) 523-8150 or visit the Center at 785 Morse Ave. ☀

AFFORDABLE ADULT EDUCATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Sunnyvale–Cupertino Adult and Community Education, a part of the Fremont Union High School District, offers a wide array of community interest, parenting, academic and vocational classes. Open to the public, these classes include arts and crafts, cooking, finance and parenting classes along with other specialty classes. A vocational program is also offered, with courses in accounting, computers, graphic design, and medical and general office skills.

Academic classes are also offered, including Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE) and English as a Second Language (ESL). These classes are offered free of cost. In the ABE class, trained tutors work with individual students to improve their reading, writing and math skills. The ASE program is self-paced, and students work toward their GED or adult high school diploma. ESL is the largest program, with classes offered at seven different levels. Prospective students are put on a waiting list and tested to ensure placement at the appropriate level of proficiency.

In addition to regular ESL classes, the program offers English classes tailored to a particular business or vocational setting. For example, the Vocational English for Healthcare class will help students get the language skills required to take courses in the medical field. If employers within the district boundaries want ESL for their employees, free classes are offered at the worksite. English classes for parents of high school and middle school students are also offered. Many students benefit from the English at Home program, which allows learners who cannot attend the regularly scheduled classes to study at home with the aid of videos and study packets. In the City of Sunnyvale, these classes are offered at the main adult education campus, Fremont High School, Columbia Neighborhood Center and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Brochures are mailed to all the residents of Sunnyvale and Cupertino. Day and night classes are offered at various sites within the district boundaries. For more information, visit www.ace.fuhsd.org or call (408) 522-2700. Their office is located at 591 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale.

VISIT THE ONLINE COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events

WISH LIST PAIRS CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, BUSINESSES

A new program being offered by the City of Sunnyvale links local child care providers and Sunnyvale businesses to improve the quality of child care in Sunnyvale.

As part of this program, the City's Child Care Resources office has developed an online wish list of resources needed by Sunnyvale child care providers to improve the quality of their child care from educational

games and toys to children's equipment such as high chairs and strollers. The wish list is posted on the City's Child Care Resources Web pages www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources, click on Child Care Resources. Businesses and others can view the wish list and contribute to the child care provider of their choice. The exchange of resources happens directly between the child care provider and the business. The

wish list will be updated in January and June of each year.

If you are interested in learning more about the City's business/child care partnership program, or about other services that the Child Care Resources Program offers to parents, child care providers and businesses, please contact Kristen Nigriny, child care resources manager at (408) 730-7532, TDD (408) 730-7501 or knigriny@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

COMMUNITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

Com-mun-it-y En-gage-ment n 1: The state of being interested, informed and involved in City and neighborhood issues **2:** A priority for the City of Sunnyvale

This spring, the City of Sunnyvale will host a public workshop to give the City Council an opportunity to understand the state of community engagement in Sunnyvale, and the appropriate role, if any, for City government.

The workshop is based on similar programs in cities across the nation, which recognize that city government has a unique role in encouraging civic engagement. Community-building has not always been a primary focus of local government, but the Council has continued to emphasize their commitment to maintaining strong bonds with the community.

Sunnyvale introduced its community-building initiative in 2002 to explore ways to maintain a high quality of life despite the new realities posed by tougher economic times. Studies have shown that community

engagement is directly related to quality of life and a community's ability to help itself. In the City's 2002 external customer satisfaction survey, 94 percent of residents identified City service delivery as "good" or "very good," but only 55 percent felt that Sunnyvale "provides a sense of community or belonging for all residents."

Following that wake-up call, the City began a variety of outreach and engagement activities and strategies, including a community-building workshop. Council directed staff to gather public input on how the City might best support a more engaged community. The workshop was deferred due to budget constraints, but now has been rescheduled for this spring. A final date had not been set as of the date of publication.

For more information on the community-building workshop, contact Coryn Campbell,

neighborhood and community resources manager at (408) 730-7475, TDD (408) 730-7501, or ccampbell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIRE

The Fremont High School Career Faire was held on March 23. This event was held in cooperation with the NOVA Youth Employment, Sunnyvale Economic Development Division, Sunnyvale Rotary Club, and Junior Achievement of Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay.

The annual Career Faire helps educate students about the different career paths available to them. Participants from many different businesses, schools, military organizations and other groups were represented at the event. The fair included a mix of presentations to help students gain insight into specific agency programs and projects, and provide an opportunity to visit with different business professionals. Many participating students were midway through the Junior Achievement Success Skills class, which teaches workforce readiness and develops students' interpersonal effectiveness and problem-solving strategies necessary for the workplace.

The City of Sunnyvale would like to thank all of the organizations and businesses that made this a successful event.

If you have any questions about the Career Faire, please contact the Sunnyvale Economic Development Division at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501, or by e-mail econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

RIISING STAR BUSINESS EVENT

Sunnyvale Recognized Business "Rising Stars"

The City of Sunnyvale honored Sunnyvale companies recognized by leading business publications for their entrepreneurial spirit and accomplishments.

Representatives attended a February 24 breakfast hosted by the City. Guest speaker Vintage Foster, publisher of the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal, spoke to the audience about the state of economic recovery in the Silicon Valley

This years' awardees were:

North America Technology Fast 500 By Deloitte & Touche

Blue Coat Systems, Inc.
Blue Pumpkin
Interwoven, Inc.
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
Juniper Networks, Inc.

Kyphon Inc.
NetScreen Technologies
OmniVision Technologies
SanDisk Corporation
SonicWALL, Inc.

Silicon Valley Technology Fast 50 By Deloitte & Touche

Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
Kyphon Inc.
NetScreen Technologies
OmniVision Technologies

Fastest Growing Private Companies by Silicon Valley Business Journal

Adeza Biomedical Corporation
Atheros Communications, Inc.
cMango, Inc.
Hirsch Machine, Inc.

2004 Silicon Valley Rising Star Award by Deloitte & Touche

PalmSource, Inc.

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Technology — Finalist

Dan Warmenhoven, Network Appliance

Health Sciences — Finalist

Michael A. Baker, Arthrocare Corporation

Top 25 Fastest Growing Tech Companies by Biz Ink

Atheros Communications, Inc.
Leadis Technology, Inc.
OmniVision Technologies, Inc.
SanDisk Corporation ☎

MAYOR'S OUTREACH PROGRAM

Attention: Neighborhood Associations, PTAs, Cultural Groups and other Community Organizations

Sunnyvale's elected officials are available to meet with neighborhood associations, PTAs, cultural groups and other community organizations. This is a great opportunity for you to speak with your representatives in city government, and for councilmembers to meet members of the community, learning about what's going on in your organization and the issues that are important to your members.

To invite an elected official to your next meeting, contact Michelle Bromstead, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. For more information on this and other services provided by the Neighborhood and Community Services office, go to www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources and click on Neighborhood and Community Services.

AIR BOARD TO AGAIN OFFER LAWNMOWER BUYBACK PROGRAM

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's will once again sponsor it's annual Lawn Mower Buyback Program with Black & Decker and Home Depot. The successful program provides area residents the opportunity to exchange their old gas-powered mowers for a substantial discount on cleaner, electric models.

Updated program information will be available on the City's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. ☎



BIKE TO WORK DAY

The City will celebrate the 11th annual Bike to Work Day May 19. Bicycling to work helps improve air quality and is a healthy alternative to driving.

The City will host three energizer stations to reward and encourage those who bike to work. The energizer stations will be located at:

- Mary Avenue and Maude Avenues
- Wolfe Road/Fremont Avenue and El Camino Real
- Sunnyvale Multimodal Transit Station

For more information, call (408) 730-2713, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail dcogill@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT SUNNYVALE'S PLAZA DEL SOL

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday, April 22

If live music, great exhibits, displays of local art and interactive entertainment sound like fun, you should plan to attend the 35th anniversary of Earth Day. The event will be held Friday, April 22, in Plaza del Sol, 200 W. Evelyn Ave., in downtown Sunnyvale.

You'll find plenty of fun for kids, including crafts, face painting and clowns. Get your kids excited about caring for the Earth with plenty of eco-friendly information and entertainment at this midday festival. Festival-goers of all ages may visit exhibits such as Wildlife Rescue and Hidden Villa.

Exhibits from the business community will highlight environmentally-friendly services and products, and non-profit exhibitors will provide ideas to help celebrate and protect the Earth. Learn about local environmental resources and

City programs. You may also recycle your unwanted cell phones and enter the environmentally-friendly prize drawings.

Sunnyvale's environmental achievements will be recognized, as will Sunnyvale businesses that have been certified as "green businesses" by the Santa Clara County Environmental Resources Agency.

"We want to let the community know that we appreciate their efforts in protecting the Earth," said Marvin Rose, Sunnyvale Director of Public Works. "We also want to show how we can continue to reduce our impact on the Earth's resources through the choices that we make in our daily lives. Earth Day is an opportunity to focus on what's important and share our successes."

Music and entertainment for the event will be provided by artists with an environmental focus,

including Ben James, EarthCapades and ZunZun.

So walk, bike or use convenient nearby public transportation to get to Plaza del Sol. The plaza area is served by Caltrain and VTA lines 54, 53 and 32. Bring your lunch, or pick up a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants in downtown Sunnyvale and enjoy the show.

Wrap up your Earth Week activities by shopping during Sunnyvale's Garage Sale Day, Saturday April 23. For more information and a complete list of Earth Week activities, including birding and biking, visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org or www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, or contact Dorlene Russell with the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7278, TDD (408) 730-7501. The Earth Day event schedule will be posted on the City's Web site in April.

EARTH DAY POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

With Earth Day right around the corner, there is no better time to think about ways to protect our watershed from pollution. The watershed includes our foothills, roadways, lawns and storm drains, all of which drain runoff from rain and over-watering to our local creeks and San Francisco Bay.

Common pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers, auto fluids and litter that accumulate on streets, sidewalks, driveways and parking lots are carried by runoff to the storm drain system. By taking a few easy steps when performing chores and activities, you can affect the health of our watershed in a positive way. Make every day an Earth Day. By using some of the suggestions below, we can work together to protect our watershed and our environment for the future.

In the Home

You don't need harsh cleaning products to clean your home, and there are many good reasons to make a switch. Some commercial household cleaning products can be hazardous to your family's health. Hazards can come from chemical fumes, improper mixing of products or from being swallowed by small children. Try to purchase the most environmentally-friendly products, and when you purchase cleaning supplies, don't buy more than you need. Make your own products whenever possible. Vinegar can make windows sparkle and lemons remove greasy fingerprints on windows. Baking soda is a good all-purpose cleaner. In fact, baking soda and water can be used in place of ammonia-based all-purpose cleaners. Instead of purchasing a drain cleaner, mix 1/4 cup baking soda with 1/4 cup vinegar, then flush the drain with boiling water. Unclogging your drains with chemical drain cleaners adds pollutants to waste water that can leave a harmful residue in water discharged to the Bay.

Do you have ants in the house but want to avoid using a pesticide indoors? Clean up lines of ants with a vacuum, or spray ants with soapy water and wipe up with a sponge. Soap washes away the chemical trail that ants follow. To repel ants, use red chili pepper, paprika, dried peppermint or cinnamon.

Finally, help conserve water by turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth, and only run full loads in the washing machine or dishwasher.

In the Garden

Try using an integrated pest management (IPM) approach in the garden. IPM is an ecologically-based strategy of using natural methods to overcome plant disease and pest problems. Using IPM creates a system that keeps the good bugs alive in the garden, while avoiding the undesirable effects of chemicals in pesticides and fertilizers. If you have bugs, grow plants whose pollen and nectar provide food that attract beneficial insects like ladybugs, lacewings, ground beetles, dragonflies and spiders. Beneficial insects help control pests by feeding on a wide variety of insects and mites. Consider pesticides only after other natural pest-control methods have been employed.

If you do use chemical controls in the garden, be sure to read the label and choose fertilizers and pesticides containing less-toxic products. Signal words like caution, warning, danger and poison on the label indicate the products level of toxicity. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and according to label directions. Do not apply when rain is predicted or when watering the lawn or garden. Sunnyvale residents may safely dispose of unwanted or outdated insecticides by taking them to a scheduled household hazardous waste drop-off event.

Automobiles

Runoff washes vehicle pollutants such as tailpipe exhaust, zinc from automotive engine oil, copper from brake pad dust, cadmium, lead and automotive fluids off roads and streets into storm drains. These pollutants threaten water quality and the health of wildlife in our waterways. To conserve gasoline, reduce harmful emissions and avoid leaking auto fluids, keep your car well-tuned and in good repair. If your car does leak oil onto your driveway or the street, soak it up by sprinkling the oil with cat litter, then sweep it up and put it in the garbage. Never pour oil on the ground; it can contaminate groundwater supplies. Instead, dispose of used motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze at a household hazardous waste drop-off event. To protect plant and animal wildlife in our creeks and Bay, wash your car on a grassy area or unpaved surface, or use a commercial car wash. Dirty, soapy water from washing cars on the driveway flows to the storm drain and pollutes our creeks and Bay.

Everyone can do his or her part to help sustain water quality. Encourage others by letting them know what they can do to help prevent pollution in our watershed.

ORGANIC GARDENING TOUR JUNE 18

The City of Sunnyvale, together with the Valley of Heart's Delight project at the Foundation for Global Community, held the *Grow Your Own* organic gardening conference at the Sunnyvale Community Center campus on February 19. Keynote speaker and author Mas Masumoto spoke about his work *The Story Economy: Harvesting Food Memories*. More than 150 people attended the conference and participated in workshops on topics such as starting organic food gardens, irrigation methods and worm composting.

Sunnyvale community members will have an opportunity to tour local organic gardens on June 18. The tour, starting from the Sunnyvale Community Center Heritage Building, is being offered twice: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and noon – 5 p.m. Participants will carpool to organic gardens in the area and meet other community members who share their interest in organic gardening. Space is limited. For information and registration, contact Susan Osofsky at sosofsky@globalcommunity.org or call (650) 328.7756 x629, or visit www.globalcommunity.org. Registration will be available after April 10. Pre-registration is \$20, day of tour is \$25.

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

First celebrated in 1980, Building Safety Week promotes the use and understanding of construction and building codes worldwide. The annual event also helps building departments demonstrate how to construct safe, sound and accessible buildings. Building Safety Week is May 8 – 14.

What is a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project. By working with an expert code official, you will benefit from his or her knowledge of the building codes. This will help ensure your construction project is built

according to the code requirements and will be safe.

What are the benefits of building permits?

■ **Increased Value** — Your home or business is an investment. Without a building permit, the value of your investment may be reduced. Also, property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections.

■ **Protects** — A property owner who can show that code requirements were met, as demonstrated by a code official's records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a lawsuit.

■ **Ensures Safety** — Building permits also protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare.

How can I obtain a building permit?

Many minor building permits and other online services can be obtained at www.e-onestop.net. Information can also be found on the Building Safety Division Web site at www.SunnyvaleBuilding.com or at (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀



REVISED HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR HOMEOWNERS

Remodeling your home? Sunnyvale City Council has approved modified hours of construction.

Hours of Construction

Monday through Friday — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sundays and national holidays — No activity allowed

Extended Hours Allowed for Single Family Detached Housing

Monday through Friday — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sundays and national holidays — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*It is permissible for up to two persons to assist the homeowner as long as they are not hired by the owner to perform the work.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Sunnyvale Building Division at (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501. Information is also available on the Building Division Web site at: www.sunnyvalebuilding.com. ☀

CITY OF SUNNYVALE ON-LINE PERMIT SERVICES

www.e-onestop.net

Sunnyvale offers the following building permit services on-line:

E-Permits

Obtain permits for the following residential projects on-line: re-roof, kitchen remodel, skylight installation, masonry fireplace repair, replacement of furnace/water heater/sewer/water line, and tub/shower enclosure replacement.

E-Inspection Scheduling

Schedule building inspections on-line.

E- Permit Histories

Find permit histories for both planning and building permits.

E-Zoning

Obtain property zoning, lot size and flood zone information.

E-Plan Check Status

Monitor the status and view comments for building plan checks.

For questions, contact Ali Fatapour, Chief Building Official, at (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail afatapour@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

GOING GREEN

Two City Services Certified by County Environmental Program

City of Sunnyvale programs have been certified environmentally-friendly by the Green Business Program, sponsored by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Santa Clara County. The City was recognized for adopting practices at its Fleet Services division and the new Senior Center that are good for both the environment and the City's bottom line.

To be certified under the Green Business program, organizations must comply with environmental regulations, conserve energy, water and other resources, implement sound environmental practices that prevent pollution and waste generation, and share environmentally responsible practices with others in the community.

"The certification of the City of Sunnyvale Fleet Services and Senior Center demonstrates the City's commitment to the environment and the community," said Greg Van Wassenhove, Director of the County of Santa Clara Agriculture and

Resource Management program. "This sets a strong example for local businesses to participate in the Green Business Program."

Many of the environmentally-conscious steps the City has taken at the new Senior Center and the Fleet Services division are simple and easy to implement. Taken together, they make a significant, positive impact on the environment.

At the Senior Center, recycling is the name of the game, with recycling service available for everything from office paper to fluorescent light bulbs. Even the landscaped grass is recycled; grass clippings are left on the lawn, preventing waste and reducing the need for watering.

Another key is the effort to reduce power consumption. The center is designed to take advantage of natural lighting, and solar panels on the roof help lower the amount of power the City has to purchase from PG&E.

Fleet Services buys, repairs and maintains a wide variety of City equipment, including patrol cars, fire

apparatus, light- and heavy-duty trucks and other specialized equipment. Like the Senior Center, the fleet operation focuses on recycling, including oil, tires and scrap metal.

Because Fleet Services works with many different types of chemicals, special emphasis is given to pollution prevention. The shop is kept clean and all materials are stored and used properly. Cleaners and lubricants containing chlorinated solvents have been eliminated and replaced with less-harmful alternatives.

The City continues to work to lessen its impact on the environment and to adopt environmentally-friendly policies and procedures. For more information about the Green Business program, call the county at (408) 441-1198 or visit www.reducewaste.org. ☀



KEY

CC = Council Chambers

WCR = West Conference Room

CCB = Community Center Boardroom

GCR = Garden Conference Room

Meeting and event times and locations are subject to change.

PUBLIC MEETINGS — City Council, Boards and Commissions April 1 – June 30, 2005

The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7 p.m. (study sessions are normally held prior to Council meetings), Board and Commission meetings, and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times listed, contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at (408) 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN-15 (cable TV Channel 15) live Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and rebroadcast 7 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m.

CITY HOLIDAYS

City Hall Closed
Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

CITY COUNCIL

7 p.m., CC
April 5, 19, 26 (12 canceled)
May 3, 10, 17, 24 (31 canceled)
June 7, 14, 21 (28 canceled)

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

Arts Commission
7 p.m., CC
April 20
May 18
June 15

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
6:30 p.m., WCR
April 21
May 19
June 16

Board of Building Code Appeals
7 p.m., CC
Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees
7 p.m., CC
April 4
May 2
June 6

Child Care Advisory Board
11:30 a.m., WCR
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each quarter.
For more information call (408) 730-7608.
April 12

Heritage Preservation Commission
7 p.m., WCR
April 6
May 4
June 1

Housing and Human Services Commission
7 p.m., WCR
April 27
May 25
June 22

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:30 p.m., CC
April 13
May 11
June 8

Personnel Board
5 p.m., CC
April 18
May 16
June 20

Planning Commission
8 p.m., CC
(Study Sessions, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., WCR)
April 11, 25
May 9, 23
June 13, 27

LEISURE ACTIVITIES — Theater, Arts, Recreation April 1 – June 30, 2005

COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Volunteer Week
April 17 - 23
Sunnyvale Volunteer Reception
Tuesday, April 19
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center Orchard Pavilion
For more information call (408) 730-7533

35th Earth Day Celebration
Friday, April 22
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Plaza del Sol, 200 W. Evelyn Ave.
For more information call (408) 730-7262

Garage Sale Day
Saturday, April 23
For more information call (408) 730-7262

Hands on the Arts
Saturday, May 14
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunnyvale Community Center
For more information call (408) 730-7350

Health & Safety Fair
Saturday, May 21
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Columbia Neighborhood Center
785 Morse Ave.
For more information call (408) 730-7599

Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival
Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. — both days
Downtown Sunnyvale
For more information call (408) 736-4971

State of the City 2005
Monday, July 4
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Washington Park, 840 W. Washington Ave.
For more information call (408) 730-7535

SUNNYVALE THEATER PRODUCTIONS

Sunnyvale Community Players
www.sunnyvaleplayers.org
For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611

42nd Street
April 15 - May

CALIFORNIA THEATER

www.ctcinc.org
For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978

The Nightingale
April 11 - May 6

The Sleeping Beauty
May 16 - 27

An Evening of Cultural Arts
For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 730-7354
Norton Buffalo
April 1 - 2

SUNNYVALE SINGERS

www.sunnyvalesingers.com
For more information to purchase tickets call (408) 369-1877

Spring Concert
May 14

LIBRARY PROGRAMS April 1 – June 30, 2005

SCI3 PROGRAMS

Sci|3 Patent and Trademark Programs
Sci|3 – Sunnyvale Center for Innovation, Invention, and Ideas – offers more than 40 classes on different aspects of intellectual property. Many Sci|3 classes can be used to meet the continuing legal education requirements (CLE) in California. Sci|3 classes marked with * are held at the NOVA Computer Training Facility, 505 W. Olive Ave., Suite 550. Sci|3 classes marked with ** are held at the Sci|3 Videoconference Facility, 465 South Mathilda Ave., Suite 300. All other classes are held in the Sunnyvale Library Program Room. Check the Sci|3 Web site, www.sci3.com, for the latest information since new seminars are always being added. To register for a course, please call (408) 730-7300, option 4.

Affidavit Practice 37 CFR 1.131 & 1.132
Tuesday, May 10, 10 a.m., \$200/\$225 (CLE) **
This lecture is designed to teach the analytical skills needed to evaluate whether an affidavit filed under 37 CFR 1.131 may be used as evidence to swear behind a reference and if an affidavit filed under 37 CFR 1.132 may be used as evidence to overcome a ground of rejection or an objection.

Basics of Claims Drafting
Tuesday, April 5, 9:30 a.m., \$150/\$175 (CLE)
This seminar will cover the basics of drafting a claim, reading a claim and all the requirements of a claim.

esp@cenet
Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m., \$125 *
Hands-on training will be offered for this free Internet database maintained by the European Patent Office.

Japanese Patents
Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m., \$125 *
This is a workshop for people who would like to learn more about Japanese patent documents and about the resources for searching Japanese patents. Sci|3 resources and free Web sites will be discussed.

Madrid Protocol
Thursday, June 16, 10 a.m., \$125/\$150 (CLE) **
The basic operation of the Madrid System, the high points of the proposed rules and the new drawing rules will be presented.

Novelty 35 USC 102
Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m., \$200/\$225 (CLE) **
Participants learn to properly evaluate prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102. The depth of material covered is determined by the interest of the participants.

Patent Basics
Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m., \$125
This class is for those new to the patent process, and will cover the different parts of a patent, how to apply for a patent and many other basic questions regarding intellectual property.

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Part 1
Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m., \$225/\$250 (CLE) **
Tuesday, June 7, 10 a.m., \$225/\$250 (CLE) **
An introduction to The Patent Cooperation Treaty presented by Special Programs Examiners with the PCT Legal Office.

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Part 2
Thursday, April 21, 10 a.m., \$225/\$250 (CLE) **
Tuesday, June 9, 10 a.m., \$225/\$250 (CLE) **
The second session is a continuation of PCT Part 1.

Patent Prosecution Process Certificate Program
May 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day, \$2,000 for five-day program or \$500 per seven-hour module
This program enables patent practitioners to improve their skills and work more effectively and efficiently during the patent prosecution process. The certificate program has five modules which require 35 hours of class time.

Patent Searching and the Internet Part 1
Thursday, June 9, 10:30 am, \$125 *
If you are new to the patent process and want some tips on patent searching, this is the class for you.

Patent Searching and the Internet Part 2
Thursday, June 16, 10:30 a.m., \$125, *
Learn to search patents on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site (USPTO).

Rule Change
Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m., \$175/\$200 (CLE) **
This seminar will cover the current rules and implementation being undertaken by the USPTO.

Searching EAST
Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m., \$125
Come to Sci|3 and learn to use the Examiner Automated Search Tool (EAST), the search system used by examiners at the USPTO.

Trademark Tips from the USPTO
Tuesday, May 17, 10 a.m., \$175 **
This class will provide tips on successfully prosecuting a trademark application aimed at new attorneys, paralegals and other trademark support personnel with zero to five years experience in trademarks.

CHILDREN'S ONGOING PROGRAMS

Family Storytime
Saturdays, April 16; May 7, 21
10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Time
Mondays, April 4; May 2; June 13, 27
10:30 a.m.

A lap-sit language experience for the very young. For babies ages 6 – 16 months with a parent or caregiver.

Night Owl Storytime
Thursdays, April 14, 28; May 12, 26
7 p.m.

Not quite sleepy? Join us for these evening storytime programs. Caregivers are invited to attend. For children ages 3 – 8.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays, April 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
11 a.m.

A weekly small-group program for children who are able to attend a program without a caregiver. (A parent or caregiver may attend the first storytime only.) Registration is required. Registration begins on Saturday, April 16, and continues until the group is full.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS, continued

Time for Tales
Thursdays, April 7, 21; May 5, 19
11 a.m.
For children ages 3 - 5 with a parent or caregiver.

Toddler Storytime
Wednesdays, April 13, 27; May 11, 25
11 a.m.
Wednesdays, April 6, 20; May 4, 18
7 p.m.
For ages 17 - 35 monthbs with a parent or caregiver.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Celebrate Arbor Day!
Saturday, April 2
10:30 a.m.
Stories and tree-planting on the Library grounds.

Activated Storytellers
Sunday, April 17
2 p.m.
A theatrical production with pizzazz! Poems written by children are sung, flipped, danced, juggled and peppered with physical comedy and American Sign Language. For the whole family.

Just Kidding!
Saturday, May 21
2 p.m.
The audience is invited to become actively involved in traditional American music by singing and playing along. For the uhole family.

Magician Brian Scott
Saturday, June 18
2 p.m.
Join magician Brian Scott for a “Wizard’s Training School” as the kickoff event for the children’s summer reading program. The program is for ages three and older.

Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens
Saturday, June 18
The 2005 children’s summer reading theme is Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds. Signups for the Summer Reading Program will begin Saturday, June 18. Teens who are entering grades six and up may participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program, Superheroes, Super Readers! Special flyers for both reading programs will be available in late May.

ADULT PROGRAMS
April 1 – June 30, 2005

LITERATURE AND AUTHOR PROGRAMS

Monthly Book Group
Enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. Meets the third Thursday of every month, at 7 p.m. in the Program Room. All are welcome!
Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m. The Kite Runner
Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m. To be announced
Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m. To be announced

Shakespeare Read-Along
Gather in the Library Program Room at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month with other fans of the Bard to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. All are welcome!
Monday, April 4, 7 p.m. The Winter’s Tale
Monday, May 2, 7 p.m. Two Gentlemen of Verona
Monday, June 6, 7 p.m. Troilus and Cressida

Author Program: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.
Author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni will speak and read from her work.

California Uncovered, Your Story Uncovered
Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.
Join a discussion of *The Grandfather of the Sierra Nevada Mountains* from *China Men* by Maxine Hong Kingston and the novel *American Son* by Brian Ascalon Roley.

Author Program: Khaled Hosseini
Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m.
The author of the critically-acclaimed debut novel *The Kite Runner* will speak about and read from his work. Isabel Allende said of the book, “A wonderful work ... This is one of those unforgettable stories that stay with you for years. All the great themes of literature and of life are the fabric of this extraordinary novel: love, honor, guilt, fear redemption ... It is so powerful that for a long time everything I read after seemed bland.”

Book Chat – A New Program Series!
Wednesdays, April 13; May 11; June 8; noon
The second Wednesday of every month, gather in the Library Program Room at noon to hear a book chat highlighting good reads and hidden treasures. Feel free to bring a lunch. All are welcome!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunnyvale Art Club Spring Exhibition
Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, noon – 6 p.m.
Works by more than 25 community artists will be on view in the Library program room. Come enjoy the art and a painting demonstration.

Social Security Retirement Benefits Explained
Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Public affairs specialist Linda Zamfino from the Social Security Administration will discuss planning for retirement. She will give a general overview of Social Security, and explain how to qualify for benefits. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Help with Medicare Prescriptions
Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m.
A speaker from the Social Security Administration will discuss subsidy applications for the new Medicare plan for prescriptions. She will bring applications, which people can fill out and turn in that night

CLASSES

Computer Comfort
Wednesday, April 13, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
A presentation designed for new or first-time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program, lasts two hours. Registration starts two weeks prior to class date.

Learn about the Library
Wednesday, April 20, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Gain a better understanding of the Library’s rich collections and services in this one-hour class, followed by a short tour. You’ll find out how to locate what you want in the Library, where to ask for help and what services the Library offers. Become a confident Library user and enjoy this community resource!

A good introduction for new users; also informative for lifelong Library users.

May and June classes
Call or check our Web site for information at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org .

FRIENDS OF THE SUNNYVALE LIBRARY

Spring Book Sale
Saturday, April 16
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Members of the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library can start shopping at 9 a.m. To become a member of the Friends group, complete the short membership application form available on the Library Web site, www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, and pay the \$5 membership dues. Proceeds from the Friends’ activities benefit the Library. Book sales are held at the Raynor Center, 1500 Partridge Ave.

RECYCLING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Spring Cleanup
Extra Garbage pickup on regularly scheduled pickup days.
To schedule a large item pickup or for more information call (408) 730-7415.
April 4 – 29

Extra Dump Weekends
Free for Sunnyvale Residents – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
For more information call (408) 730-7262.
April 2 – 3 and 9 - 10

Compost Workshops
Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon
Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before.
For more information call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262.
April 9
May 14
June 11

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off
Drop-off at Sunnyvale event site (164 Carl Road), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more information call (408) 730-7262.
April 16
May 21
June 18

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAKE-UPS AND MIXERS
www.svcoc.org

Wake-Up Sunnyvale
Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.. Breakfasts are sponsored by a different chamber member each month and provide an opportunity for the sponsor to showcase their products, services and expertise in their respective field. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Chamber at (408) 736-4971
April 14, May 12, June 9

Business Mixers
Evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month from 5 p.m. – 7p.m. Mixers are sponsored by a different chamber member at their place of business and provided an opportunity for the sponsor to showcase their facility and products/services. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Chamber at (408) 736-4971.
April 28, May 26, June 23

ON-GOING EVENTS

Fun On The Run
The City of Sunnyvale’s mobile activities program is FREE! Just drop in. Arts and crafts, games, and sports. Youth ages 6 – 14
For more information contact: Suzie Hayes, Recreation Coordinator, (408) 730-7523 or shayes@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Family and Child Network Provider Meetings
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information contact IrisAnn Nelson at (408) 733-4828 or Bobbie Martin at (408) 746-0336

Water Pollution Plant Tours
Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717

Community Calendar Online
www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events/home.htm

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American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
For more information call (408) 732-2073.
Meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July, August, and January.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay
Meets in the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information, contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group at (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder at (408) 404-8479.

Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts:
Meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave.
For more information contact Shannon Fiorello at (408) 782-0105, cropalong@hotmail.com or Shannon Andres at (408) 245-5634, cmbeartsong@hotmail.com

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley
Weekly Meetings, Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the Sunnyvale Golf Course, Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave. Kiwanis is an International Organization (see www.kiwanis.org)

Club Officers are Bruce Carlson, President (email bruce@carlsonfun.com or call (408) 774-0609 with questions); Norm Betts, President-Elect; Donna Betts, Secretary; and Art Bedford, Treasurer.

S.N.A.I.L. (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda)
Meets the first Thursday of each month 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Columbia Middle School Teacher’s Lounge
739 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Web site for locations at www.lvna.net
For more information, please e-mail Phyllis Murphy at sbts2@aol.com .

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings
All meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave.
For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.

San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel School Teachers’ Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.

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